

OFFICIAL REPORTS



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STATE MEETINGS

NEW YORK STATE.—The semi-annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association was held at the Natural Food Conservatory, Niagara Falls, N. Y., October 17 and 18. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Annie Damer. The invocation was by the Rev. Philip W. Mosher, after which Mayor Cutler extended a most cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Niagara Falls. Miss Damer responded with a few well-chosen words. The entire morning was devoted to the regular routine business. The Credentials Committee recommended for admission into the society the Graduated Registered Nurses' Association of the County of Kings and the Alumnae Association of the Buffalo General Hospital. The report was accepted as read and both societies admitted to full membership. The secretary reported that several individuals and the Nurses' Alumnae of the S. R. Smith Infirmary had applied for membership too late to be presented at this meeting. The question of having but one meeting a year, and that one in the fall, was discussed and delegates were requested to bring the matter to the attention of their associations, so that they will be prepared to discuss it when it comes formally before them from the Committee on By-Laws. A most interesting report was rendered by Miss Hitchcock, secretary of the Board of Nurse Examiners. In the absence of the chairman of the Bureau of Information, Miss Damer gave a brief outline of the work Miss Cameron was trying to do. The Nominating Committee was appointed, consisting of the three trustees, the Misses O'Neill, Allerton, and Young, and the Misses Keating, MacDonald, and Lord, elected from the floor. A most interesting paper was read by Miss B. Matilda Unger, a former army nurse, on "Some Difficulties in Nursing in Foreign Countries," followed by a splendid paper by Dr. A. T. Lytle, of Buffalo, on "Materia Medica, Pharmacy, and Therapeutics for Nurses." The delegates were the guests of the nurses of Niagara Falls and their friends on a most delightful automobile trip around the Falls. In the evening a reception was tendered the delegates by the Natural Food Company in their beautiful building. Mayor Cutler and his wife and Dr. Welch were among the guests. Wednesday morning the delegates were again the guests of the local nurses and their friends on a three hours' trolley trip over the wonderful Gorge route. The entire afternoon of the 18th was devoted to the discussion of registration. Papers were read by Miss Dock on the "Progress of Registration" and by Dr. Blackham on the "Place of the Small Hospital and Training-School in the Community." Dr. Henry L. Taylor, of the Regents' Office, addressed the meeting and answered many questions which were asked on the subject. A more detailed account will appear in the next number of the JOURNAL.

FRIDA L. HARTMAN, Secretary.

COLORADO.—The Colorado State Trained Nurses' Association held a meeting for social and literary purposes in the parlors of the Colorado Sanitarium, Boulder, on October 12. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wilcox. In the absence of the president Miss L. G. Welch was elected chairman. An amendment providing for this second meeting each year to be held outside of Denver was voted upon and carried. The Board of Directors is to decide upon the nominee for the State Board of Nurse Examiners, which vacancy is to occur in April. The following papers were read and discussed: "Country Nursing," by Mrs. E. Bauder, Denver, read by Miss H. Corey; "The Trained Nurse and Her Education," by Mrs. M. Thurston, Denver, read by Miss W. A. Donaldson; "Yellow Fever," by Miss S. E. Lawrence, New Orleans, La.; "An Opportunity," by Miss L. C. Boyd, Denver; "The Progress of Nursing as a Profession," by Miss C. J. Miller, Colorado Springs, read by Miss L. G. Welch; "Our Responsibility in Regard to the Tuberculosis Problem," by Miss E. P. Jones, Denver; "The Probable Influence of State Registration in the Curriculum and Methods of Training-Schools," by Miss M. McClaskie, superintendent of nurses, Pueblo Hospital, Pueblo; "Ethics in Private Practice," by Miss H. S. Thompson, Denver. The association was royally entertained by the Sanitarium management.

The State Board of Nurse Examiners held a meeting in the Capitol building, Denver, on October 14. In all Colorado now has fifty-eight registered nurses and the board would urge those unregistered to send in their application blanks, as the time-limit is getting very short.

LOUISE C. BOYD, Secretary.

MINNESOTA.—The nurses of the State of Minnesota organized a State Association on October 10 at a meeting held in St. Paul at the Commercial Club Parlors. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. Alex. Colvin; first vice-president, Miss Ramkillour; second vice-president, Miss Laura Whittaker; secretary, Miss Ida Cannon; assistant secretary, Miss Marie Jammé; treasurer, Miss Mary Wood; chairman Credentials Committee, Miss Bertha Erdmann; chairman Publication Committee, Miss Anna Mallurgh; chairman Ways and Means Committee, Miss Ada Patterson. There were one hundred and seventy-six applications for membership, and the interest is general throughout the State. It is hoped that the organization will have become so strong that a bill can be presented to the next Legislature, which meets in 1907. The policy of the association will be to go slowly and to be sure of its ground before attempting legislation.

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INDIANA.—The Indiana State Board of Registration and Examination will meet in Indianapolis November 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 to examine credentials, etc. Applications accompanied by diplomas should be filed before that time. The necessary blanks may be obtained by request from Dr. E. C. Sammon, "The Marietta," Indianapolis, Ind.